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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006 (Paper No. 20060110). A petition for a one month extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.